

Fifth Birthday Celebrated

Patio decorations in pink and blue served as the background Aug. 23 for the 5th birthday party of Kenny Madden, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Madden of

2018 W. 180th St. Two birthday cakes were served, the first decorated in a playground scene and the second, Kenny's favorite chocolate cake baked by his mother.

Three games were played. The donkey game was won by Susan Godward. Winners of the peanut on the stick game were Mary Helen Kredo and Scott McDougall. The peanut toss was won by Sharon Oldt and Michael Fleming. Other guests present were Michael and Darlene Bloom, Valerie and Arlene Huerta, Susan and Richard Brandes, Bryan Godward, Terri McDougall, Jimmy Dean and David Fleming.

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Around the Town with Teens

By Brenda Berren and Dick Popko

Interviews with Movie stars and top celebrities all with a teen-age view in mind.

This article begins a monthly series by local teens, Brenda Berren and Dick Popko, Torrance Press Hollywood reporters.

THE TEENAGE ADULT: DEBBIE REYNOLDS

An adult teenager, Debbie Reynolds has many ideas about music—especially Rock 'n' roll. She likes the beat, but can't understand the words. We learned this interesting information after personally interviewing the beautiful pixie-like star at her studio last week.

After explaining our visit to Debbie, we reminded her that she is an idol of young and old alike and that with her "teen-like" personality we were interested in her teenage views.

Debbie says, "I'm proud to know that teenagers identify themselves with me. I like to get fun out of life and act ordinary. Rock 'n' roll is a favorite of mine, and I love dating and having just plain fun. In my high school days I danced at the 'Melody,' a teenage 'hangout' in Glendale. I love the beat of rock 'n' roll, but I just can't understand the words. Rock 'n' roll, in a sense, has always been here but was called by a different name. At the 'Melody' we called it 'rhythm and blues.'"

Talking on and on about her teenage life, it could be easily ascertained that this portion of her experiences was Debbie's most enjoyable. In fact when she told us that she never kissed on her first date, she gave us some personal information: "When a fellow attempts to kiss me on a date, I just talk him blue in the face, and by the time the date is over he is usually exhausted—I love to talk!"

Debbie likes dating and she is very frank and honest about it. She believes that there is only one more thing more important than dating, and that is marriage. Debbie's opinion of a perfect date includes: "First, there must be a boy; second, the girl must like the boy and respect him, and third, he must in turn respect the girl and act accordingly. The couple may take in a show and then stop at a drive-in for a coke (depending upon the boy's financial status of course)."

"My financial status has changed considerably since my high school days, but that is still my type of an ideal date."

This with a 'foxy' smile she added, "I never care to kiss on the first date. It's all right to hold hands in the show, and if the boy wants to put his arm around the back of the chair—well that's accepted too, but unless he wants a lapful of popcorn, that's all the further he had better go with me!" However she also believes that if the couple discovers that they are really in love on the first date, she would have no objection to a good-night kiss.

Seldom seen without a smile on her face or a trinkle in her eye, Debbie explained how any youngster with that show business urge should drive for a goal. She emphasized, "First develop whatever talent you have, and then try and get noticed by participating in small theater groups and work hard. Once you attain your goal, keep up your drive because it so difficult to stay at the top. Acting is most rewarding and it is fabulous for women in

that it is one occupation where women are recognized and paid just as well as men. Actually, acting gets into your blood, but I must admit, it's a good business."

"I've been so lucky," Debbie says. "But I'm not one to sit back and hope the luck will hold. I know that I, personally, have to do something about it. And there still is so much to learn. I also know that I have chosen a line of work that will keep me busy studying and learning for the rest of my life."

Happy expressions on her face told us that she would never trade the glamour of Hollywood for anything. She said, "I love my fans and I have fun giving autographs, although there are certain days when even show people get tired." On those days she likes to go home and relax or play with the children. Although she did add, "If I felt tired and run down and nobody even cared to ask me for an autograph I would feel even worse."

Born on April Fool's Day, Debbie is full of wisecracks, tricks and jokes. She concluded, "My next role will be a straight drama—'Rat Race' with Tony Curtis. It will be a Paramount production since my MGM contract will end after the filming of one more picture. I'm looking forward to my second attempt at a serious part, but I suppose that being an 'April Fool Baby' makes comedies my favorite."

Final Sermon of Recent Series Announced

The final message of a five-sermon series on the gospel will be presented during Sunday morning worship services at Alondra Park Methodist Church, 8155 West Compton Blvd., Gardena.

Rev. Earl W. Isbell will highlight the Labor Day Sunday services at 9 and 10:30 a.m. with the sermon "The Gospel in our Social Order." Nursery care and church school through the 6th grade are available at both hours. Junior High class meets at 9 a.m. and Senior High class at 10:30 a.m.

Isbell will depart Monday for a week of study at the Pastors' School Sept. 7 through 11 at California Western University in San Diego. During the week four leaders will help in the training presentation. Two of these are Dr. John B. Cobb, Jr. of the Southern California School of Theology, and Dr. William E. Parker from the University of Redlands, author of "Prayer Can Change Your Life." The church office and chapel will be open as usual from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Tonight the youth choir will meet separately from the adult choir in preparation for the double choir program. The youth choir will meet at 6:30 p.m. and the adults at 7:30 p.m.

The next General Meeting of the Women's Society of Christian Service will be held Sept. 9 at 7:30 p.m. in the church social hall. The program will be entitled, "A New Year—New Responsibilities." Naomi Circle will be hostess.

Minister Returns

Dr. Ray Anger, minister of the Church of Religious Science of San Pedro, will return to the pulpit Sunday West 8th St., San Pedro, 10:30 a.m.

Dr. Anger, noted author, teacher, and lecturer, has just completed a month's lecture tour which included the cities of Vista, San Diego, Santa Barbara, Salt Lake City, and Sacramento.

"The Lord Our God is One" is the topic of Dr. Anger's sermon for Sunday morning.

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AN INTIMATE VIEW is given teen columnist Brenda Berren by movie star Debbie Reynolds. Miss Berren popped the questions and Debbie answered with her adult-teenage views of rock and roll, dating and being a celebrity. Brenda Berren and her partner, Dick Popko, are fast becoming teen authorities on Hollywood personalities in their column, "Around the Town with Teens."

Rev. Wells Returns from Vacation

Narbonne Avenue Baptist Church, Lomita, will welcome back its pastor Robert A. Wells and family Sunday.

The Wells family have been vacationing in the rugged mountains of Idaho. Rev. Wells will preach at the 8:30 and 11 a.m. worship services as well as the 7:30 p.m. worship service.

The month of September is designated as "Round-up" time for members of the Sunday School and Training Union. It is also the time for selection of new officers of all auxiliaries of the church. The Minister of Education states, "As our church ap-

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